

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

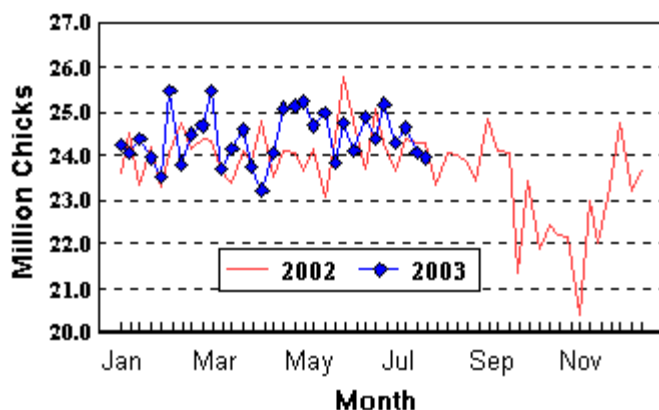
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.0 million during the week ending August 2, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from both the comparable week in 2002, and also from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 2, 2003 were 757.0 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, down fractionally from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and also from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

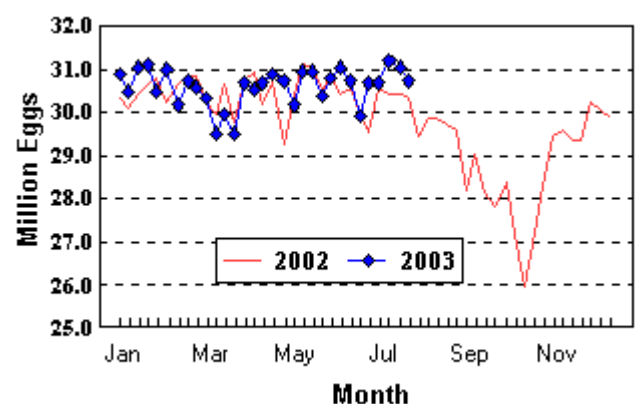
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 2, 2003, up 1 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jun. 28	25,058	24,413	97	25,606	25,540	100	29,971	29,935	100
Jul. 5	24,317	25,195	104	25,365	25,629	101	29,561	30,676	104
Jul. 12	23,672	24,296	103	25,372	25,097	99	30,567	30,669	100
Jul. 19	24,387	24,630	101	24,901	24,754	99	30,449	31,196	102
Jul. 26	24,316	24,078	99	24,529	25,245	103	30,422	31,054	102
Aug. 2	24,298	23,947	99	25,242	25,150	100	30,322	30,749	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug		28-Jun	05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	
Alabama	28,972 *	29,254	28,850	29,068	98	22,095	21,694	21,518	21,614	21,796	21,554	98
ARKANSAS	30,669	31,196	31,054	30,749	101	24,413	25,195	24,296	24,630	24,078	23,947	99
Delaware	3,812 *	3,902	3,903	3,876	107	5,557	5,137	5,437	5,503	5,346	5,144	98
Florida	1,346 *	1,354	1,328	1,346	58	1,793	1,732	1,784	1,601	1,894	1,608	72
Georgia	32,375 *	32,720	32,632	32,316	100	26,574	26,129	25,263	25,196	25,564 *	25,589	97
Kentucky	6,679	6,703	6,770	6,779	101	5,891	6,103	5,330	5,122	5,221 *	5,838	111
Maryland	9,482	9,469	9,467	9,492	95	5,486	5,692	5,825	5,169	5,541	5,985	112
Mississippi	19,375	19,377	18,726	19,066	100	16,696	16,390	15,939	16,121	15,904	16,534	103
N. Carolina	16,387 *	17,341	17,599	17,523	94	15,269	14,443	14,966	13,487	14,060	13,084	88
Oklahoma	6,424	6,457	6,445	6,440	96	4,785	3,932	4,721	3,952	4,926	4,650	94
Pennsylvania	3,714	4,084 *	3,809 *	3,869	104	2,632	2,755	2,746	2,645 *	2,770 *	2,835	102
S. Carolina	4,492	4,586	4,528	4,542	94	3,968	3,802	4,555	4,355	4,014	4,460	131
Texas	14,443	14,740	14,712	14,451	98	12,522	12,424	12,328	11,537	12,271	12,127	103
Virginia	6,259	6,384	6,512 *	6,489	103	5,514	6,219	5,336	5,298	5,369 *	5,138	88
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	20,430 *	20,330	20,086 *	20,480	103	19,069	19,778	19,171 *	18,837	18,815 *	18,734	96
Total 2003	204,859 *	207,897 *	206,421 *	206,486		172,264	171,425	169,215 *	165,067 *	167,569 *	167,227	
Total 2002	209,239	209,219	207,984	209,004		172,481	172,394	168,933	166,514	167,733	169,884	
%Prev. Year	98	99	99	99		100	99	100	99	100	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 206 million eggs during the week ending August 2, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 2, 2003. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 2, 2003 were 5.21 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.